Dear Prairie Volunteers,

Welcome back from Winter Break! We are happy you are here!

Did you clean during break? Send your old cell phones and eye glasses in and we will find new homes for them. Please see the sidebar article.

Help Wanted at College Community Schools!

PRAIRIE RIDGE ELEMENTARY
Ridge Computer Science Club kids need your help during Coding Club on Tuesdays in January and February from 3:50-4:50pm. Volunteers will help students, hand out stickers, be a smiling friendly presence. You do not need to know coding to volunteer. There will be trained staff on site. If you can help, please email Lori Pleiness at lpleiness@crprairie.org.

On February 5th, Prairie Ridge will host Science Day from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to supervise displays and engage the students in dialogue about their projects. Times are flexible. If you can help, please contact Ridge teacher, Cindy Bennett at
Help in our Community!

DONATE YOUR OLD EYE GLASSES AND CELL PHONES
Please send us your old eye glasses and cell phones! You can drop them off at your child's school office.

Your old cell phone will be taken to The ARC of East Central Iowa. The ARC uses this program to support their programs for the disabled in our community.

Your old eyeglasses are donated to an agency who has a program in place to provide glasses to third-world countries who cannot afford to purchase eyeglasses. Thank you!

PRAIRIE CREEK INTERMEDIATE

Hearing Screenings will take place at Prairie Creek on Wednesday, February 10th, Thursday, February 11th and Friday, February 12th. Volunteers are needed to fetch students from their classrooms and escort them to the Grant Wood Area Education Agency Hearing Screening Van. Shifts are from 8:15 to 11:30 am and from 12:00 to 2:30 pm each day. To sign up for a shift, please contact Rene Messerli in the Creek office at rmesserli@crprairie.org.

PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL

Prairie Music Association is seeking an energetic person interesting in taking over their Spring Fundraiser. The next year will be a trip year for our music students and this event helps students raise money to pay for their trip. There is no fundraising done by the chairperson, just oversight and organization. Time commitment is a few hours in December through February followed by a couple of days distributing purchases in March. If you are interested, please contact Maureen Rompot at mrompot22@gmail.com.

The PHS library is opening a Makerspace in January 2016. This Makerspace will provide students with an opportunity to use their critical thinking and problem solving skills to create, build and develop products they dream up. Donations of the following materials are needed: hot glue guns, white glue, glue sticks, paper bags, spoons, rubber bands, decoration (washi) tape, scotch tape, masking tape, duct tape (various colors), toothpicks, straws, wooden rods, pom poms, play doh, legos, alligator clips, puffy stickers, scissors, rubik cubes, popsicle sticks, pens, construction paper, paper plates, pliers, wire cutters, foil, wax paper, plastic wrap, batteries, pipe cleaners, LED throwies, glitter, paper towel/toilet paper tubes, rubbermaid bins or various sizes for storage - need to fit on bookshelves, cool whip containers. Please send donations to Prairie High School. For more information, please contact Sarah Oldenkamp at soldenkamp@crprairie.org.
Help our schools from home! It's easy!

Send in the labels or receipts from the following programs and our school receives funds that help support our programs for students.

**Prairie Crest** - Target for Education, Box Tops for Education, Labels for Education, Hy-Vee Receipts, Tyson A+ Projects, Pop Tabs

**Prairie Heights** - Hy-Vee Receipts, Labels for Education, Box Tops for Education, Pop Tabs, Tyson A+ Project

**Prairie Hill** - Box Tops for Education, Hy-Vee Receipts, Target for Education, Labels for Education, Tyson A+ Projects.

**Prairie Ridge** - Box Tops for Education, Hy Vee Receipts, Pop Tabs

**Prairie View** - Hy Vee Receipts, Labels for Education, Box Tops for Education, Pop Tabs, Tyson A+ Project - Box Tops for Education, Labels for Education, Target for Education, Hy Vee Receipts, Pop tabs

**Prairie Creek** - Box Tops for Education, Hy Vee Receipts, Target for Education

**Prairie Point** - Box tops for Education, Hy Vee Receipts, Target for Education

**Prairie High School** - Hy Vee Receipts, Target for Education

**Prairie Edge** - Labels for Education, Box Tops for Education

If your child's building does not participate in a program, send your labels or receipts to Kathy Waychoff, College Community Schools, 401 76th Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids IA 52404, and they will be divided between the participating schools.

Thank you for sharing your time and talents with Prairie Students!

Kathy Waychoff
District Volunteer Coordinator